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SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has miserably failed to make a mark in the education scenario of Assam due to wide spread corruption, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the student-teacher ratio is very poor and there are still thousands of lower primary schools/middle schools that are run by single teacher;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government to improve the standard of primary/middle schools in Assam;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any special package for improving standard of primary/ middle schools and for development of students of Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), there has been consi- derable progress in the educational indicators of Assam. The net enrolment ratio (at upper primary level), gross enrolment ratio (at upper primary level), retention rate (at primary level), transition rate & pupil teacher ratio has improved from 70.22, 83.58, 51.55, 88.35 and 23 in 2009-10 to 76.49, 93.13, 76.09, 93.15 and 20 during 2013-14 respectively. The dropout rate at primary level has also reduced from 8.60% in 2009-10 to 6.24% in 2013-14.

Since inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) pro- gramme 11015 primary schools, 1192 upper primary schools, 70087 additional classrooms, 788 drinking water facilities, 12866 boys toilets and 41486 girls toilets were sanctioned to Assam, SSA. Of these 10781 primary schools, 1170 upper primary schools, 64790 additional classrooms, 788 drinking water facilities, 2452 boys toilets and 34998 girls toilets have so far been constructed up-to 31st December, 2014. Gover- nment of India has released its central share under SSA of Rs. 106921.15 lakhs, Rs. 130881.60 lakhs and Rs.131820.73 lakhs during 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14 to Assam.

For the State of Assam, 48808 teacher posts have been sanctioned under SSA. The Central Government through the SSA has introduced several measures to improve the quality of elementary education in all States, inclu- ding Assam, through (i) the 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat', a foundational programme to improve early reading and writing with comprehension and early mathematics; (ii) a focussed programme on strengthening Science and Maths learning at the upper primary level; (iii) sharing an exemplar on continuous comprehensive evaluation in elementary education developed by the NCERT; (iv) notifying learning outcomes by class and stage of education brought out by the NCERT; (v) conducting the 3rd round of National Achievement Surveys for Class III, V and VIII to track student learning outcomes; (vi) provide funds and technical guidance to states for annual refresher training of teachers and (vii) provide academic support to teachers and schools through Block and Cluster Resource Centres.